

2020 SURF CITY POLICE

Annual Report



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF SHANAHAN



2020, Wow! What a year it has been! Definitely one for the record books. The year of a pandemic, social distancing, protesting, policy changes, retirements and a hurricane just to name a few. This has certainly been one of the most challenging years of my career.

My staff and I would like to thank each and everyone in our community for their continued support of the police department during this difficult year.

We continue to strive to improve each day by being professional, transparent, and compassionate. The relationships we have made with the community have provided a sturdy foundation to build upon for many years to come.

The 2020 Annual Report features the commitment of the department's men and women during unprecedented times further demonstrating the strong community police relations. We pledge to continually improve our services through education, investigation, evaluation, and enforcement.

Kind Regards,

Chief Ron Shanahan

OUR GOALS

WE PLEDGE TO

- Inspire a strong affiliation with our community
- Protect life and property
- Reduce harm on our roadways
- Address the challenges of serving a tourist destination
- Prioritize the health and resiliency of our employees

To deliver
exemplary
policing with
respect, pride, &
integrity.



Serving and
inspiring a safe &
engaged community.

Leadership, Integrity,
Excellence & Collaboration.

SURF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Year Established: 1964

Sworn Personnel: 24

Civilian Personnel: 1

Part Time Civilian: 1

Department 2020/2021 Budget:

\$ 2,589,626.15

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Town of Surf City

Mayor: Douglas C. Medlin

Mayor Pro Tem: William "Buddy" Fowler

Councilman: Donald Helms

Councilwoman: Teresa Batts

Councilman: Dwight Torres

Councilman: Jeremy Shugarts

Town Manager: Kyle Breuer

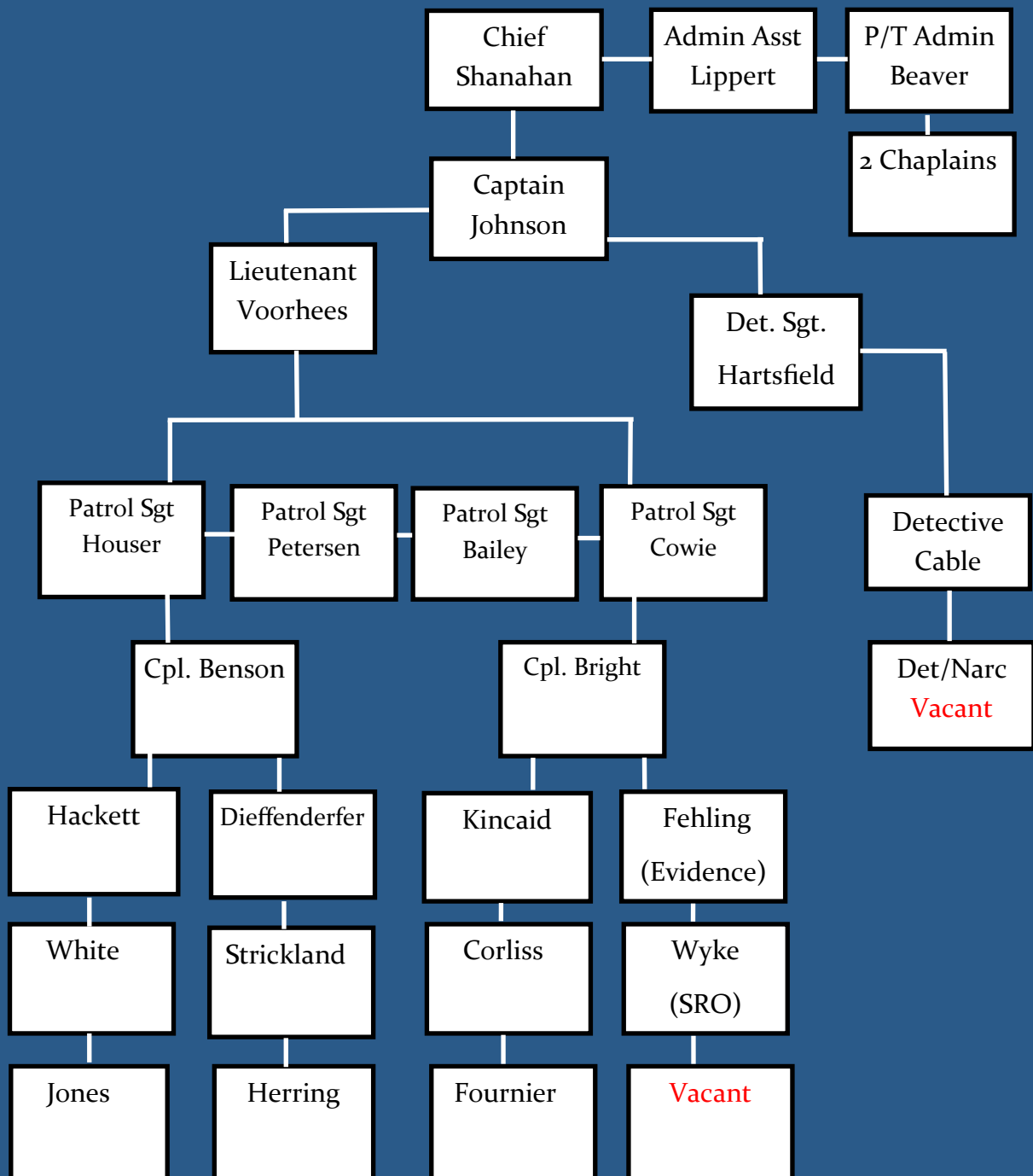
Counties Serving: Pender/Onslow

Year Established: 1949

Year Round Population: 2417 (2018 Census)

Surf City Police Organization Chart

January 2021



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the hub of our agency. Officers actively patrol Surf City all day, everyday, conducting self-initiated enforcement and responding to a wide variety of calls for service. Patrol operations are conducted under the management of the Patrol Division Lieutenant. In addition, it encompasses special events, planning, and the K-9 unit.



Calls For Service: 2018– 4,850 2019- 5,305 *2020– 5,173

2020 numbers incorporates officer initiated calls such as traffic stops, in addition to our usual calls for service such as crimes in progress, assist citizens, traffic accidents, warrant service, etc.

* Calls for service numbers reflects total reports taken throughout this past year. Note: Total officer actions such as residential and business checks are not included in calls for service.

Traffic Enforcement



Throughout the year SCPD focused on issues and areas that were identified by citizen complaints and statistical comparisons. With enforcement, education, and traffic calming resources, we were able to successfully accomplish these issues. In addition, the patrol division conducted numerous checkpoints within the town. Also, selected patrol officers participated in a regional traffic enforcement taskforce.

Citations Issued

2019: 1380

2020: 1135

Traffic Accidents Reported

2019: 280

2020: 247

2020 Traffic Crash Data

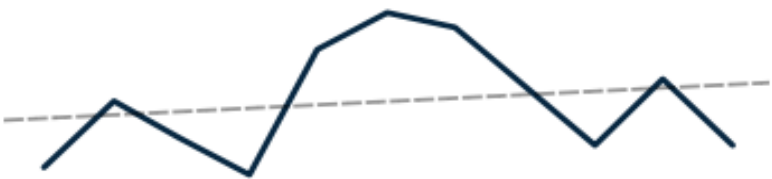
All All Reportable Crashes

All All Reportable Crashes

2020

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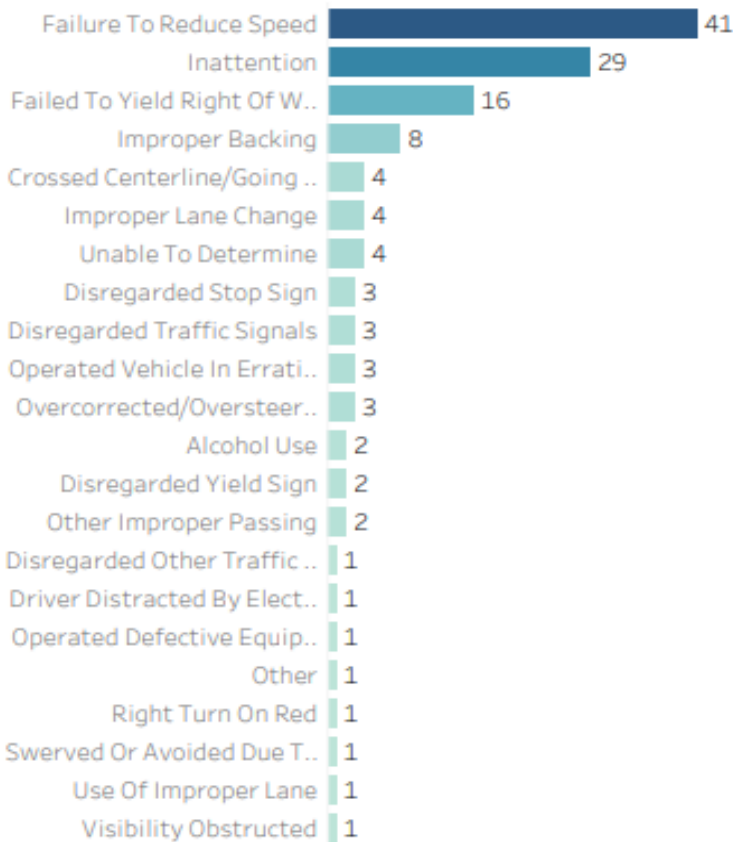
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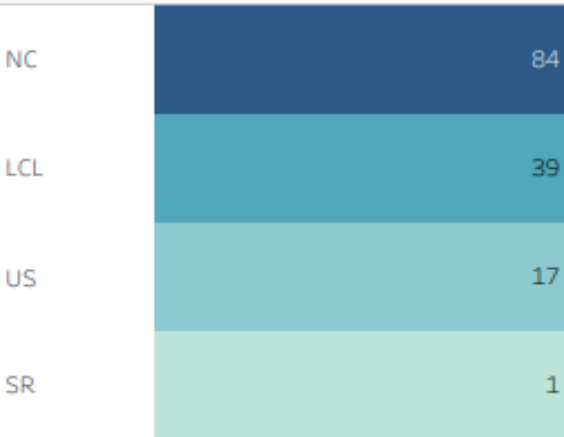
By County

PENDER	138
ONSLOW	3

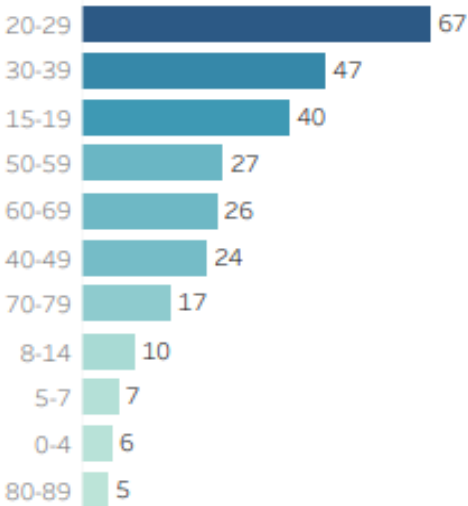
Contributing Circumstances (Driver 1)



Road Class



Age Groups



Safety Dashboard

ALL



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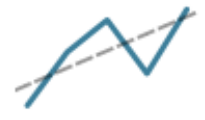


SPEEDING



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UNBELTED



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All Reportable Crashes



ALCOHOL



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All Reportable Crashes

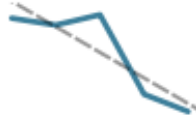


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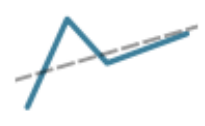


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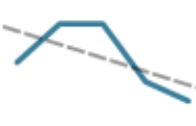


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All Reportable Crashes



LANE DEPARTURE



24

All Reportable Crashes



YOUNGER DRIVER



36

Drivers involved
in All Reportable Crashes



OLDER DRIVER



27

Drivers involved
in All Reportable Crashes



BICYCLE



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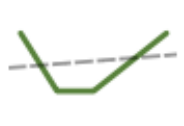


PEDESTRIAN



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LARGE TRUCK/BUS



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All Reportable Crashes



SCHOOL BUS



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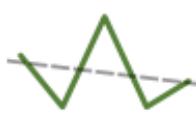


MOTORCYCLE



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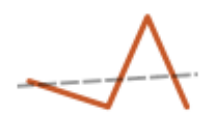


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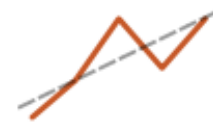


INTERSECTION



23

All Reportable Crashes



BEACH PATROL ENFORCEMENT



The summer of 2020 has been nothing like we have seen before. Our college interns (photo above) along with our police staff certainly had a busy summer. Below is a comparison of town ordinance citations issued for the past three years. Our goal is to continue to gain voluntary compliance on our local laws.

2018 : 282

2019: 430

2020: 613

Investigation Division

The primary function of the Criminal Investigations Division is to provide investigations on criminal complaints including burglary, rape, thefts, felony assaults, among other numerous crimes.

The objective of the investigator is to convict the suspect. In order to achieve this objective, the investigator must prove to the court that a crime was actually committed and the person charged with the offense did, in fact, commit the crime.

All investigators are trained in the techniques of criminal investigation. Training is provided throughout the year to stay abreast of the latest innovations in investigative techniques and case law.

The Criminal Investigations Division responded to 11 Unattended Deaths in 2020. Investigators examine each scene to ensure that proper protocols are utilized.

Note: Detectives worked numerous other significant cases throughout the year. Some of these cases involved juveniles and are very sensitive in nature.

2020 NOTABLE CASES



April 29, 2020

The Surf City Police Criminal Investigations Division developed information in which they were able to identify a 16-year-old juvenile responsible for the numerous vehicle break-ins and property damage that occurred in various locations in Surf City. Detectives filed juvenile petitions on this individual with the Onslow County Juvenile Justice System.

The following are the charges filed on the juvenile suspect:

21 counts breaking/entering motor vehicles

5 counts criminal property damage to vehicles

1 count injury to real property (business)

Note: All incidents occurred in the Onslow County portion of Surf City.

The juvenile suspect's criminal proceedings was handled through the North Carolina Juvenile Court System.



2020 NOTABLE CASES cont.

May 4, 2020

The Surf City Police Department has charged Randall Bryant, 44 Y.O.A., of Hampstead with the following charges:

1 count attempted second degree kidnapping

1 count resist, delay, obstruct arrest

1 count simple assault

1 count intoxicated and disruptive

2 counts communicating threats

These charges stemmed from an incident on Sunday May 3, 2020 which officers received a complaint of Bryant who attempted to lure a juvenile into his vehicle. Bryant then left the area in his vehicle.

Responding officers identified that vehicle and initiated a vehicle stop. Officers that were attempting to detain Bryant were met with physical resistance and use of force was applied.

Bryant was placed under a \$32,000 bond.

Note: Bryant is also required to maintain a lifetime sexual offender registry based on prior convictions.

2020 NOTABLE CASES cont.

May 14, 2020

The Surf City Police Department charged Tylor Thomas 18 Y.O.A. from Hampstead with the following:

5 counts felony breaking/entering motor vehicles

4 counts misdemeanor larceny

1 count felony possession of stolen property

1 count of felony larceny of firearm

1 count of felony possession of firearm by felon

On 04/30/2020, a vigilant Patrol Sergeant observed a suspicious vehicle on Holly Hill Lane while conducting neighborhood patrols. While investigating the suspicious vehicle, contact was made with Thomas, which subsequently lead to the discovery of a firearm, and other property that seemed suspect at the time. Thomas was initially charged with Possession of a Firearm by Felon and incarcerated in the Pender County Jail under a \$15,000 secured bond.

Further investigation by the Surf City Criminal Investigations Division linked Thomas to other vehicle breaking and entering incidents in the Poplar Branch and Arbor subdivisions within Surf City.

2020 NOTABLE CASES cont.

June 8, 2020

Criminal Investigations Division were assigned an incident involving a female that was abducted from the Roland Avenue Beach Access. Investigators pieced together a timeline of the incident and suspect was charged with First Degree Kidnapping and Assault on Female.

July 4, 2020

Investigators assisted patrol with an incident involving a suspect discharging a firearm into a residence which was occupied by 11 people. Suspect was identified and arrested and the scene was processed for evidentiary purposes.

2020 NOTABLE CASES cont.

July 15, 2020

Detectives with the Surf City Police Department received information that Brandon Gil was in possession of child pornography. After a 3-month long investigation into the information provided, Brandon Gil was charged with 12 counts of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor and 12 counts of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Brandon Gil received a \$400,000 secured bond and is currently in the custody of the Pender County Jail.

August 19, 2020

On August 17, 2020 Colton Leroy Hayes, 20 years old, of New River Air Station was arrested by Surf City Police and charged with Attempted Statutory Rape. Patrol officers found Hayes in the company of a 15-year-old female parked at a beach access in Surf City. Investigation found that Hayes has been in a relationship with the female in the past.

Hayes was placed into the Pender County Jail under a \$20,000 secured bond.

2020 NOTABLE CASES cont.

On August 10, 2020

At 11:53pm an armed robbery was reported at All Saints Catholic Church parking lot in Surf City, NC. Three victims were robbed of cash and a cell phone. One of the reported victims, Shawn Michael 21, of Camp Lejeune was found to have conspired with three others to commit the armed robbery.

The conspirators were Jamario Devonte Rainey, 22, Quindarious Robertson, 20, and Jerry Qualls, 22, all of Jacksonville, NC. All four are in custody and have been charged with armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Qualls was arrested by Jacksonville PD on 09/24/2020, Rainey and Robertson were in custody on 09/24/2020 and Miller was taken into custody on 09/25/2020 by NCIS agents. At the time of the robbery, all four suspects were active duty military.

Miller is in the Pender County Jail under \$100,000 secured bond.

Qualls is in the Onslow County Jail under \$75,000 secured bond.

Rainey and Robertson are in custody at Camp Lejeune awaiting warrant service.

Assisting with the month-long investigation was NCIS Carolinas Field Office, Jacksonville Police Department and USMC CID.

2020 NOTABLE CASES cont.

November 28, 2020

Officer Corliss while on patrol, observed a vehicle that was identified weeks earlier of suspected breaking and entering to motor vehicles in Surf City. He initiated a traffic stop to find suspected stolen items inside this vehicle. After identifying three individuals inside the vehicle they were all released pending an investigation.

Upon further investigation Surf City Criminal Investigations Division secured arrest warrants on the following individuals:

James Anthony Beamon, 24, was taken into custody in the 1200 block of South Sixth Street on Tuesday and served outstanding warrants for 73 charges including breaking or entering a motor vehicle, possession of stolen goods, possession of stolen firearms, felony conspiracy, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Blendina Bajram Ramizi, 18, of Jacksonville, Myeisha Laquan Sanders, 21, of Jacksonville, and an unidentified juvenile were also charged as a result of the investigation.

During the investigation, detectives with Surf City Police Department, Onslow County Sheriff's Office, Pine Knoll Shores Police Department and Atlantic Beach Police Department , and Indian Beach Police Department were able to identify the suspect vehicle and persons involved with several vehicle break-ins.

Due to Officer Corliss being vigilant, crimes in four counties in South Eastern North Carolina were able to be solved.

INVESTIGATION DATA



In the year 2020, there were 404 incident reports taken. 771 crimes were reported through those reports. As a department, 60% of those reported crimes resulted in charges (arrest or citation), 19% closed with leads exhausted, 8% closed by other means, 7% closed by exception (no victim cooperation or juvenile offender) and 3% closed unfounded.

Investigators swore out a total of 99 arrest warrants for the year 2020.

Value of reported damaged/vandalized property for 2020 was \$253,876.

Value of reported stolen property was \$151,328 with \$101,237 of that being recovered and returned to the owners.

Professional Standards Report

At the conclusion of any professional standards investigation, the disposition will be one of the following findings:

- 1) Sustained when misconduct occurred.
- 2) Not sustained when an allegation is unsubstantiated.
- 3) Unfounded when the allegation is false or did not involve the employee named.
- 4) Exonerated when the employee acted lawfully and properly, or within policy.

In 2020, there were 3 professional standards cases involving violation of rules and arrest procedures.

Use of Force

Use of force reports are completed whenever an officer uses any type of force on a individual. Supervisors write a follow-up supervisory report and the incident is then reviewed by Administration. Based upon periodic review of the Surf City Police Use of Force Policy, we are confident it reflects our moral and professional obligations and that we are maintaining objectivity and integrity when examining use of force incidents. In 2020, records reflect 3 use of force incidents all which were justified as proper force utilized.



Professionalism

Accountability

Transparency



Spotlight on Partnerships



Surf City Police Department collaboration with surrounding agencies in active shooter training.



Surf City Police Department hosting training with the American Foundation for Suicide Awareness Prevention.



Officer Kincaid attending Cape Fear Community College Surf City Campus Crisis Intervention Training.

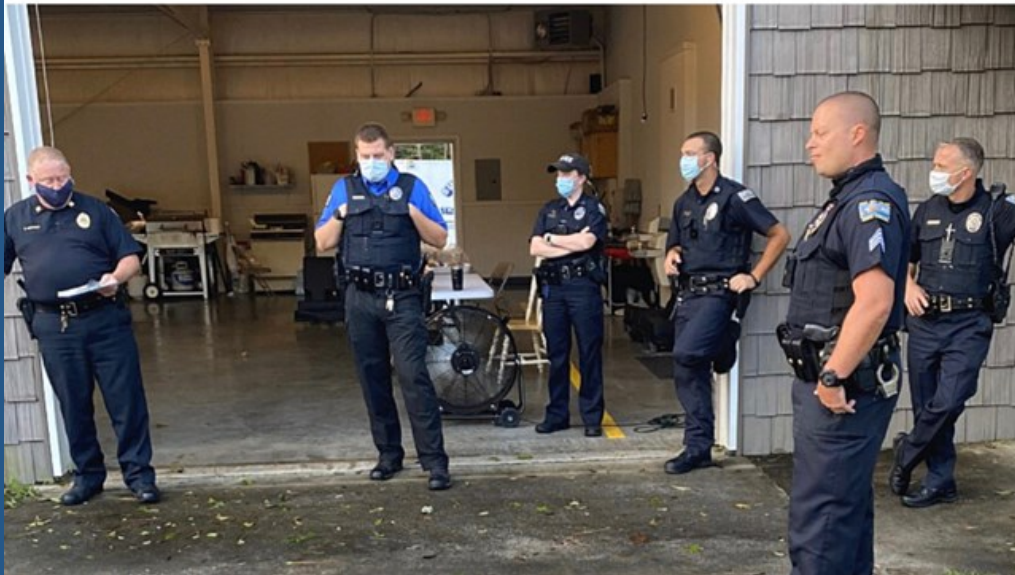


Surf City PD partnering up with NC Smoking Shield Chapter. Smoking Shield is a National Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Organization.

DEDICATION/ COLLABORATION/ TEAMWORK



**HURRICANE ISAIAS
2020**



Surf City has had yet another challenging hurricane season. Thankfully, Hurricane Isaias was a short standing event.

Community Engagement

Highlights of some
of the many ways
we engaged our
community;



*Officer Dieffenderfer receiving a
food donation from the staff at
The Peak.*

Community Engagement



Sgt. Bailey engaging our youth while on beach patrol last summer.



Lt. Voorhees spending some time on the beach interacting with our youth.

Mayor Medlin and Sgt. Bailey communicating with citizens on the beach during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Community Engagement

Officer Kincaid attending 4 year old Tucker's Birthday celebration.



Officer Fehling attending Connor McGrady's 5th Birthday celebration.





Community Engagement





Cops Close-up



Sgt. Bailey interacting with Surf City School students at lunch/breakfast food drive.



Officer Dieffenderfer reading to the students of the Surf City Elementary school before the Covid 19 pandemic.



Cops Close-up



L to R: Sgt. Cowie, Sgt. Bailey, Off. Dieffenderfer, and Sgt. Houser representing our agency in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run.



*1st Annual Battle of the Badges
(Champions)*

L to R: Off. Butschle, Off. Fehling, Lt. Voorhees, Cpl. Bright, and Chief Shanahan

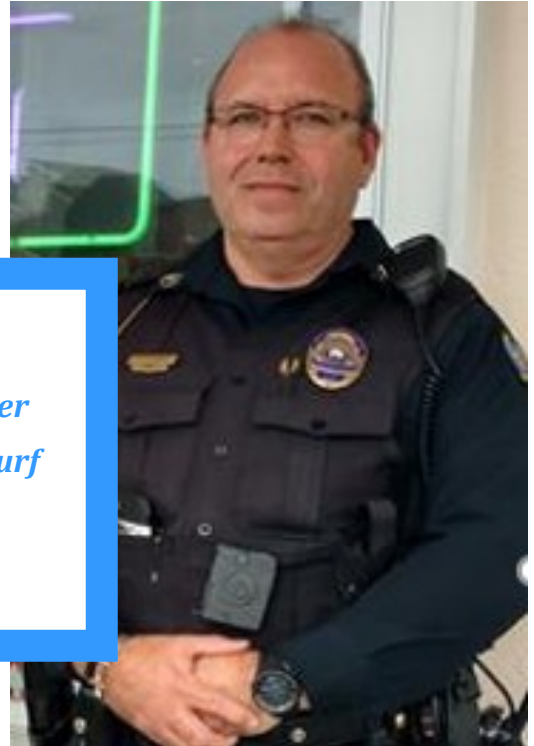
Shop with a Cop Program



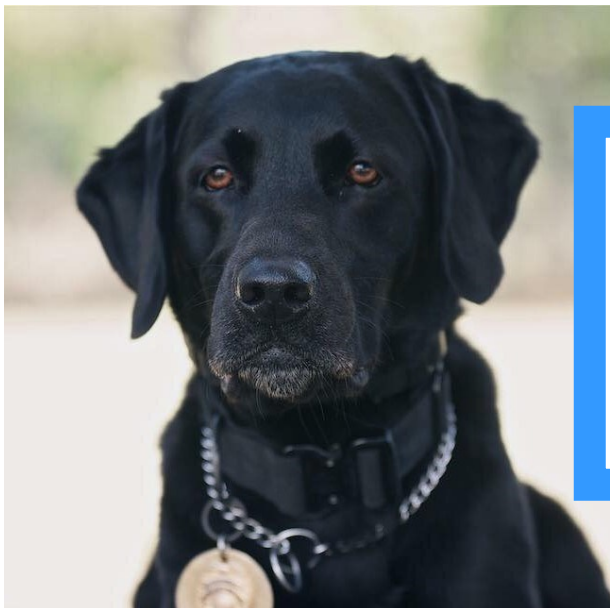
Retirements:



Sgt. Art Cunio retired after 22 years of service with the Surf City Police Department



Sgt. Clynn Korney retired after 20 years of service with the Surf City Police Department.



K9 Kayda retired after 8 years of service with the Surf City Police Department.

NEW HIRES



Off. Corliss joined our department in August 2020. Prior to his appointment he served with the Asheville, NC Police Department.



Off. Strickland joined our department in September 2020. Prior to his appointment he served with the Fayetteville NC, Police Department.

NEW HIRES



Off. White was hired by the Surf City Police Department in June 2020. Prior to being hired Off. White was a police intern with our agency and was also sponsored by our agency to attend the Cape Fear BLET Program.



Off. Fournier was hired by the Surf City Police Department in September of 2020. Prior to being hired he attended the Johnston County Community BLET Program.

PROMOTIONS



*On July 2020 Off.
Kincaid was promoted
to the rank of Police
Officer II.*



*In August Off.
Dieffenderfer was
promoted to the rank of
Police Officer I.*



*In November Off. Fehling
was promoted to Master
Police Officer*

PROMOTIONS



In May Corporal Petersen was promoted to the Rank of Sergeant



In September Corporal Bailey was promoted to the Rank of Sergeant.

Narcotic Statistics



Seizure totals:

3g crack cocaine

5g hashish

294 grams of marijuana

375 bags of heroin (approx
37g)

56 ecstasy pills

50 gr methamphetamine

Note: Seizure totals reflected
are from officer detection and
K9 sniffs.

Narcotic Statistics

2018

	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7	Column8	Column9	Column10	Column11	Column12
	Marijuana	Heroin	Cocaine	Methamphetamine	MDA/MDMA	Adderall	Clonazepam/Klonopin	Alprazolam/Xanax	Diazepam/Valium	Ativan	Oxycodone/Hydrocone	Suboxone/Subutex
Misdemeanor Possession	71					3	3	12	1	1	7	3
Felony Possession		8	2	12	1	2		1			2	
PWIMSD	1							1			2	
Sell and Deliver		1		1							1	
Trafficking		2									1	
Manufacturing												
LINE TOTALS	72	11	2	13	1	5	3	14	1	1	13	3

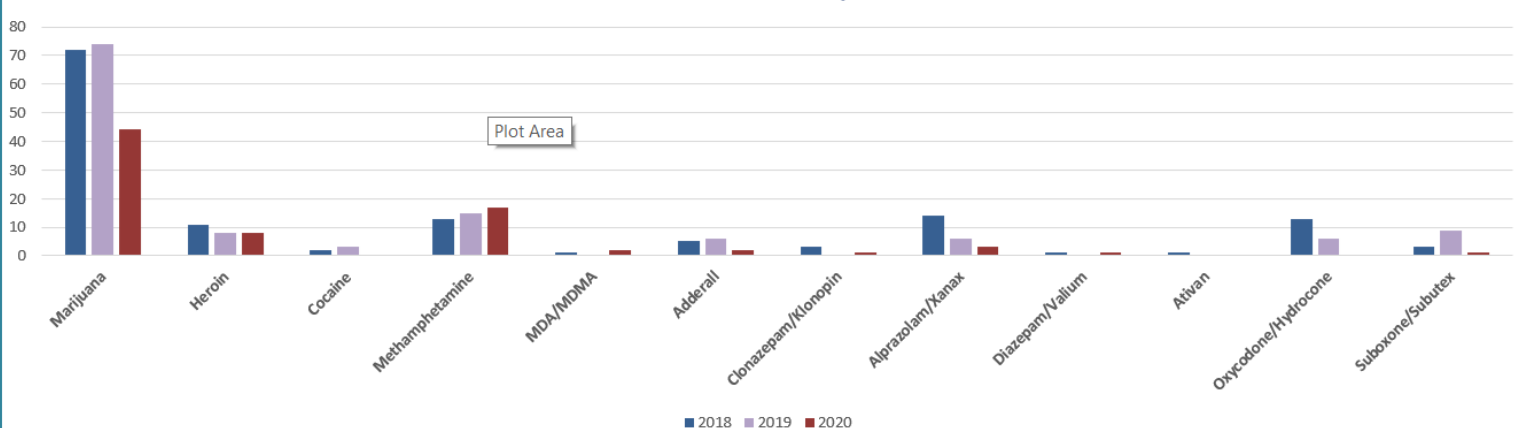
2019

	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7	Column8	Column9	Column10	Column11	Column12
	Marijuana	Heroin	Cocaine	Methamphetamine	MDA/MDMA	Adderall	Clonazepam/Klonopin	Alprazolam/Xanax	Diazepam/Valium	Ativan	Oxycodone/Hydrocone	Suboxone/Subutex
Simple Possession	74							6			4	9
Felony Possession		8	3	15		6					1	
PWIMSD												
Sell and Deliver												
Trafficking											1	
Manufacturing												
LINE TOTALS	74	8	3	15	0	6	0	6	0	0	6	9

2020

	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7	Column8	Column9	Column10	Column11	Column12
	Marijuana	Heroin	Cocaine	Methamphetamine	MDA/MDMA	Adderall	Clonazepam/Klonopin	Alprazolam/Xanax	Diazepam/Valium	Ativan	Oxycodone/Hydrocone	Suboxone/Subutex
Misdemeanor Possession	43							3	1			1
Felony Possession		5		12	1	2	1					
PWIMSD	1			5	1							
Sell and Deliver												
Trafficking		3										
Manufacturing												
LINE TOTALS	44	8	0	17	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	1

2018/2019/2020 Comparison



Calls For Service



247	Traffic Accident Reports	(-11%)
613	Town Ordinance Citations	(+30%)
474	Written Warnings	(-11%)
1135	Uniform Citations	(-18%)
186	Arrest Reports	(-25%)
215	Misdemeanor Charges	(-29%)
143	Felony Charges	(-20%)
2128	Operation Reports (Non-Criminal Calls-ex: Alarm Activations, Assist Citizen, etc.	(-6%)
404	Incidents Reports (criminal incidents)	(+14%)
771	Offenses Reported	(-11%)
5173	Calls For Service	(-2%)
33	Vehicle Unlocks	(-72%)
62	Found Property	(-31%)
33019	Business Checks	(+8%)
1547	Residential Checks	(-57%)
Totals 45,727		(-2%)

Note: Percentages (%) are comparisons to 2019 stats

2019 Uniform Crime Reporting

Part I Violent Crimes

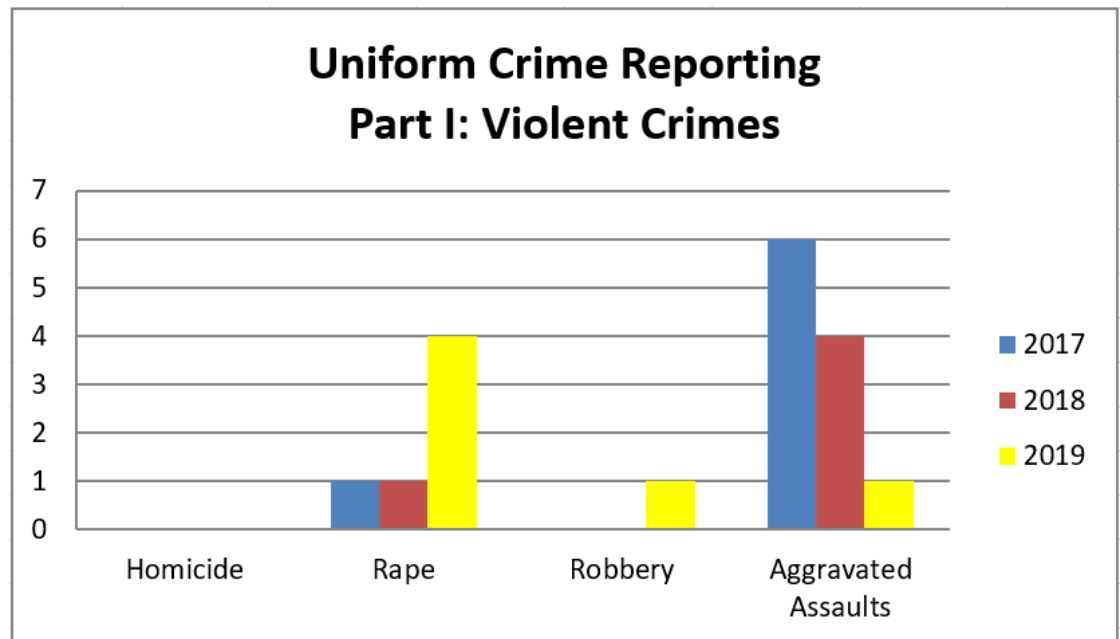
Homicide - 0

Rape - 4

Robbery - 1

*Aggravated Assaults -
1*

Total -6



Part I Property Crimes

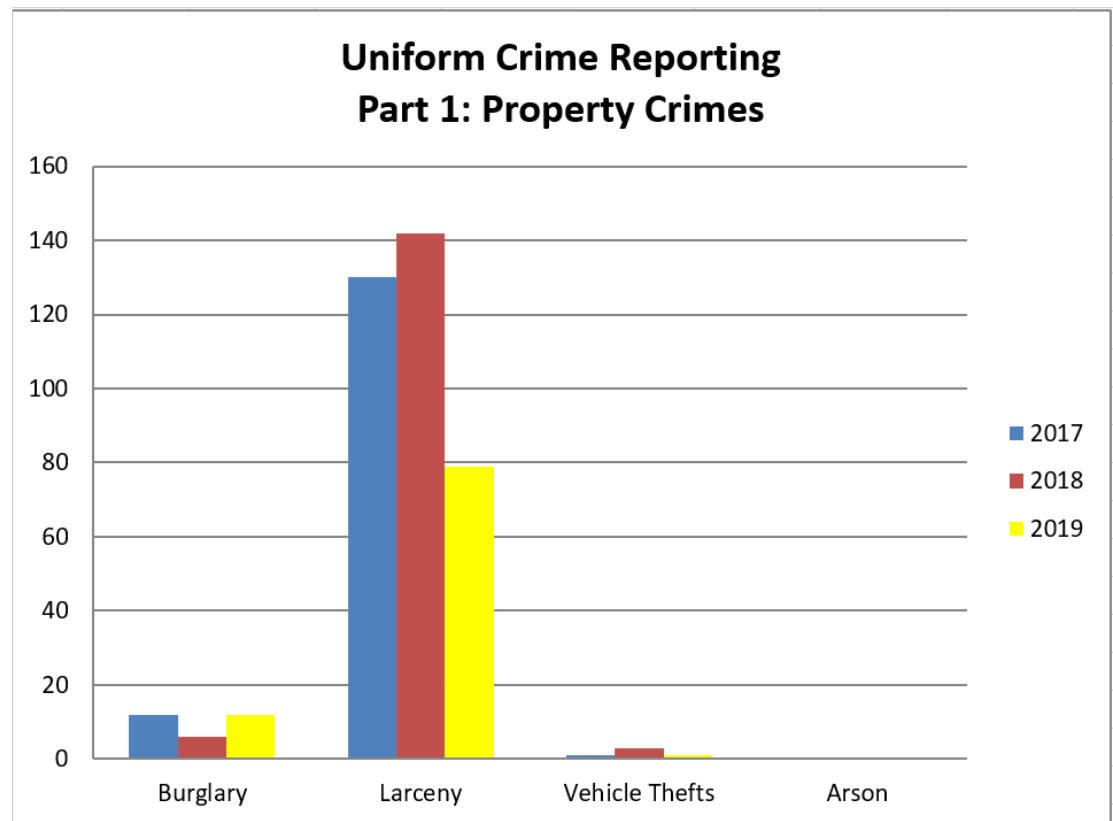
Burglary - 12

Larceny - 79

Vehicle Thefts - 1

Arson -0

Total—92



Note: The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting is one year behind.



We trust that the time you spent reading our 2020 annual report has given you a deeper understanding of what we do day-to-day as members of the Surf City Police Department. Thank you for the honor of letting us serve you!

Your Friends at the SCPD!